BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

PUBLIC RULEMAKING HEARING

In the Matter of the Amendment of OAR: 436-030, Claim Closure and Reconsideration; and 436-035, Disability Rating Standards	))))	TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY

The proposed amendment to the rules was announced in the Secretary of State's Oregon Bulletin dated January of 2020. On Jan. 16, 2020, a public rulemaking hearing was held as announced at 10 a.m. in the OSHA large training room, 1st floor, 16760 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd, Portland, Oregon. Fred Bruyns, from the Workers' Compensation Division, acted as hearing officer. The record will be held open for written comment through Jan. 22, 2020.

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Good morning and welcome. This is a public rulemaking hearing.

My name is Fred Bruyns, and I'll be the presiding officer for the hearing.

The time is 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

We are in the OSHA Conference Room, 16760 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd, in Portland, Oregon. We are making an audio recording of today's hearing.

If you wish to present oral testimony today, please sign in on the "Testimony Sign-In Sheet." It's on the table by the entrance. If you plan to testify over the telephone, I will sign-in for you.

With me today is Julia Hier, a policy analyst with the Workers' Compensation Division with responsibilities for our subject rules today.

The Department of Consumer and Business Services, Workers' Compensation Division proposes to amend chapter 436 of the Oregon Administrative Rules, specifically division 30, Claim Closure and Reconsideration and division 35, Disability Rating Standards.

The department has summarized the proposed rule changes and prepared an estimate of fiscal and economic impacts in the notice of proposed rulemaking. This notice and proposed rules with marked changes are on the table by the entrance. If you are listening by telephone, we have those rules posted to the Workers' Compensation Division's website.

The Workers' Compensation Division filed the notice of proposed rulemaking with the Oregon Secretary of State on December 20, 2019; mailed the notice to its postal and electronic mailing lists; notified Oregon legislators as required by ORS chapter 183; and posted public notice and the proposed rules to its website.

The Oregon Secretary of State published the hearing notice in its Oregon Bulletin dated January of 2020.

This hearing gives the public the opportunity to provide comment about the proposed rules. In addition, the division will accept written comment through and including January the 22nd, 2020, and will make no decisions until all of the testimony is considered.

We are ready to receive testimony. Would anyone here like to testify this morning. [Pause] Is there anyone on the telephone who would like to testify? [Pause]

Hearing no one, it is our policy to leave the hearing open, or at least to remain available for testimony, for a minimum of one-half hour. So, we will remain here. If you choose to remain with us you're welcome to stay. Otherwise, I will just give you a reminder that you may submit testimony in any written form. I encourage you to submit your testimony by email or as attachments to email. However, you may also use fax, USPS mail, courier, or you may hand deliver testimony to the Workers' Compensation Division Central Reception on the second floor of the Labor & Industries Building, in Salem, Oregon. On the table by the entrance are business cards that include agency contact information. We will acknowledge all testimony received.

The hearing is recessed at 10:04 a.m.

Welcome back. This hearing is resumed at10:30 a.m. Again, is there anyone who would like to testify, either here present or on the telephone? [Pause]

Okay. The time is now 10:31 a.m. Thank you for coming! This hearing is adjourned.

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